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Dear Joe:

Just after sending off a couple of records, I remembered an article by Routien and Finlay in Bact. Revs. (June 1952). The review goes into many aspects that I had touched on before, and by and large in an intelligent way. Is this article the best clue to current practice? They seem to be sensitive to some of the same angles you have brought up; it is harder to tell how far they are put into practice. The one arena where your competitors are probably weakest is in genetics, and even there a purely empirical approach, at the present state of the art, may be almost as productive as a more sophisticated one.

If you know of any other literature along these lines that would enlarge my own background, so let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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